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'Turkey to receive US F-35 jets on Thursday'

Necessary contacts have been made with US and F-35 jets will be delivered Thursday, says Turkish Deputy PM Bozdag



ANKARA - Turkey is due to take delivery tomorrow of F-35 jets it has purchased from the United States, according to Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Bekir Bozdag.

"Necessary contacts have been made with the U.S., and delivery of the F-35 jets will be on Thursday," Bozdag told reporters in the central Yozgat province on Wednesday.

Referring to recent U.S. congressional

bills seeking to block the sale, he added that any attempt to make the sale conditional on the release of Andrew Brunson, a U.S. priest facing terrorism charges in Turkey, amounts to a "threat."

Delivery of the Lockheed Martin-made jets is due to take place at a ceremony in Texas, with the jets set to come to Turkey once the pilots have received training. MORE DETAILS



Turkey's domestic car project right place to invest

By Metin Basbay

ISTANBUL - In November 2017, Turkey launched [1] an ambitious project for creating its first domestic car brand. With the strong support of the government, five major companies will take part in the consortium to make Turkey's first domestically produced automobile. A prototype is expected to be ready by 2019 while sales will start in 2021. It is further... more details



Turkey most charitable nation in 2017

ANKARA - Turkey was declared the most charitable nation in 2017 with nearly \$8.1 billion spent in humanitarian aid, an independent international development organization said.

Nearly 30 percent of all international humanitarian aid -- \$27.3 billion -- came from Turkey, according to the Development Initiative's (DI) Global Humanitarian Assistance Report on late

Tuesday.

The U.S., Germany and the U.K. followed Turkey with \$6.68 billion, \$2.98 billion and \$2.52 billion.

The country's humanitarian aid expenditures were nearly 1 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) in 2017.

Turkey's gross domestic product (GDP) was around \$850 billion in 2017, the U.S. stood over \$19 trillion, Germany at... MORE DETAILS

Everything you need to know about Turkey's elections

6 candidates **PARTIES NEW SYSTEM** IN THE RUNNING Under the constitutional reform, the number of awmakers in the parliament will rise to 600 By Sena Guler The Justice and Development (AK) Party, the The presidential and the parliamentary elections Republican People's Party (CHP), the Peoples' will be held after every five years and the elected Democratic Party (HDP), the Free Cause president will not be bound to cut ties with his or (Huda-Par) Party, the newly formed Good (IYI) Party, the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP),

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS **59.39 MILLION PEOPLE**

the Felicity (Saadet) Party and the Patriotic

For the first time in Turkish history, political

Turkey's ruling AK Party and the MHP have

parties will go to elections by forming alliances.

formed an alliance (People's Alliance) while the CHP, the IYI Party, and the Felicity Party have



DOMESTIC VOTES **56.34 MILLION** ABROAD VOTES



Turkish citizens living abroad casted ballots in a 13-day period between June 7-19

Vice presidents and ministers can be appointed

The parliament can decide on re-election with a

three-fifths majority. The president is limited to

two terms but if three-fifths of the parliament

call for re-election, the current president can

In the new system, citizens over 18 years of age are able to run for parliament, down from 25

the top two candidates will be held on Sunday

If no presidential candidate can obtain an

The president is given the right to issue

3,160 ballot boxes were set up in **123 foreign missions** of Turkey. Some **180,065 ballot** boxes will be set up in 81 **provinces** of the country

AND





Recep Tayyip Erdogan, 64 -- Turkey's first popularly elected president has served since 2014. Previously, he was prime minister from 2003 to 2014.

rdogan has vowed to turn the country into a high-income nation, become a leading exporting country and increase the female labor force participation rate, among other pledges



Muharrem Ince, 54, a former physics teacher, has been a CHP lawmaker of his hometown Yalova province since 2002.

A peaceful and security-oriented foreign policy, an economy based on production and fair didtribution, a parliamentary system based on the separation of powers are some of Ince's pledges



Temel Karamollaoglu, 77, has been the leader of the Felicity Party since 2016 He declared himself the party's candidate after failing to convince opposition

He served as mayor of Sivas between 1989 and 1995



Meral Aksener, 61, a former interior minister and vice-speake of parliament. In 2017, she founded the Good (IYI) Party. Boosting the economy and returning to a parliamentary system are among her campaign promises.



Selahattin Demirtas, 45, co-chaired the HDP between 2014 and 2018. He is currently imprisoned over accusations

of being linked to the PKK terrorist organization.

If elected, he pledges to share president's power with parliament, to adopt an economic approach that prioritizes social needs. He also promises an inclusive parliamentary system



Dogu Perincek, 76, has been chairman of the left-wing nationalist Patriotic Party since 2015. After serving one year of an aggravated life sentence in the Ergenekon case, he was released in 2014 together with many other prisoners

vie for presidency, while 8 parties participate in parliamentary elections

ANKARA - Turkish citizens will cast their votes on June 24 in the parliamentary and presidential elections, which are to cement the switch from a parliamentary to a presidential system.

On April 16, 2017, Turkey held a referendum during which the majority of voters decided in favor of an 18-article bill introducing the governmental system change.

The elections were initially scheduled to take place in November 2019 but President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced early elections following a meeting with the opposition Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) leader Devlet Bahceli, who made the first call to move up the polls. Under the constitutional reform, the number of lawmakers in the parliament will rise from 550 to 600, the presidential and the parliamentary elections will be held after every five years and the elected president will not be bound to cut ties with his or her party.

Vice presidents and ministers can be appointed and removed by the president. The president is given the right to issue a presidential decree.

The parliament can decide on re-election with a three-fifths majority. The president is limited to two terms but if three fifths of the parliament call for re-election, the current president can seek a third term. In the new system, citizens over 18 years of age are able to run for parliament, down from 25.

If no presidential candidate can obtain an absolute majority of votes, a run-off between the top two candidates will be held on Sunday July 8. MORE DETAILS

Over 125 kilograms of heroin seized in Turkey

ANKARA - Turkish security forces impounded over 126 kilograms (300 pounds) of heroin and 1,450 grams of hashish in multiple operations in the capital Ankara and southern Osmaniye province on Wednesday, according to police sources. In Ankara, the anti-narcotics police force launched a

helicopter-borne operation

against the drug dealers after receiving a tip about distribution of drugs. Police followed a suspect and carried out a helicopterborne operation against the drug dealers.

A suspect was detained in the operation and a total of 1,450 grams of hashish, 600 grams of heroin and 30 grams of cocaine were seized in the... MORE DETAILS